IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION 3:08cv536

HUBERT C. HELMS,	
Plaintiff,	
V.	ORDER
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of Social Security,	
Defendant.)))

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint For a Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction. [Doc. 8]. The Plaintiff is proceeding *pro se*.

In accordance with Roseboro v. Garrison, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir. 1975), the Plaintiff, who is proceeding *pro se*, is advised that Defendant Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, has moved to dismiss his Complaint for a lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Such motion is governed by Rule 12(b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, which provides for dismissal where the Court lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Complaint. The Defendant argues that the Plaintiff's Complaint should be dismissed for

a lack of subject matter jurisdiction because the Plaintiff has failed to exhaust

his administrative appellate remedies and has, therefore, not received a final

decision of the Commissioner, which is a requirement to obtaining judicial

review pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). [Doc. 9].

The Plaintiff is advised that under the Local Civil Rules of this Court he

has the right to file with the Clerk of this Court a written response to the

Defendant's Motion, and the Plaintiff has until March 31, 2009 to make such

a filing. While a Complaint may be dismissed even where a litigant responds,

the Plaintiff is advised that if he fails to respond to the Defendant's Motion

within the time allowed, his claim also may be summarily dismissed.

Accordingly, IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Plaintiff shall

have until March 31, 2009 to file a written response to the Defendant's Motion

to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint For a Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction.

[Doc. 8].

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: March 13, 2009

Martin Reidinger

United States District Judge

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